IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Original) A recording medium comprising:

a video stream; and

copy control information, wherein

the video stream contains video composed of a plurality of frame images, and

5   the copy control information defines different restrictions on recording of a video

signal that is converted from the frame images, the restrictions differing depending on whether

the video signal is output with or without addition of supplemental information.

2.   (Original) The recording medium according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a graphics stream, wherein

the supplemental information is graphics obtained by decoding the graphics

stream.

3.   (Original) The recording medium according to Claim 2, wherein

the graphics stream includes:

graphics data composed of a sequence of pixel codes each representing a

character string or a figure; and

5   pallet data indicating pixel codes each associated with a pair composed of a pixel

value and a transparency value.

4.   (Original) The recording medium according to Claim 1, further comprising:

locator information specifying an address on a network, wherein

the supplemental information is obtained by decoding a supplemental information

stream supplied from a server located at the address specified by the locator information.

5. (Original) The recording medium according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a supplemental information stream; and

multi-path information binding the supplemental information stream to a section

of the video stream, wherein

5   the supplemental information is obtained by decoding the supplemental

information stream.

6. (Original) A playback device for executing playback of video composed of a

plurality of frame images, comprising:

a read unit operable to read a video stream from a recording medium;

a frame memory;

5   a video decoder operable to decode the video stream so as to sequentially obtain

and write the frame images on the frame memory;

an output unit operable to generate a video signal from the frame images

sequentially written on the frame memory and output the video signal;

an output control unit operable, in accordance with a user operation, to cause the

10   output unit to output the video signal with addition of the supplemental information; and

an assigning unit operable to assign, to the video signal added with the

supplemental information, copy control information defining a less strict restriction as compared

with copy control information to be assigned to the video signal output without addition of the

supplemental information.

7.   (Original) The playback device according to Claim 6, wherein

the copy control information indicate one of a Copy Free status, an Only One

Copy status, and an Never Copy status, and

restrictions imposed by the respective statuses in an increasing order are the Copy

5   Free status, the Only One Copy status, and the Never Copy.

8.   (Original) The playback device according to Claim 6, wherein

the recording medium is a portable recording medium,

the playback device further comprises:

a built-in recording medium storing a supplemental information stream,

5   the read unit is further operable to read the supplemental information stream from

the built-in recording medium,

the playback device further comprises:

a supplemental information decoder operable to decode the supplemental

information stream, and

10   the supplemental information is an image obtained by decoding the supplemental

information stream.

9.   (Original) The playback device according to Claim 8, wherein

the built-in recording medium stores multi-path information binding the

supplemental information stream to a section of the video stream on the portable medium, and

the output of the video signal with addition of the supplemental information by

5   the output control unit is performed when a current playback point reaches the section.

10. (Original) The playback device according to Claim 9, wherein

the multi-path information binds the supplemental information stream to the plurality of sections of the video stream.

11. (Original) The playback device according to Claim 6, wherein

the recording medium stores locator information specifying an address on a network,

the playback device further comprises:

5   a download unit operable to download a supplemental information stream from a server located at the address specified by the locator information; and

a supplemental information decoder operable to decode the supplemental information stream downloaded, and

the supplemental information is an image obtained by decoding the supplemental

10   information stream.

12. (Original) The playback device according to Claim 11, wherein

the download unit is operable to transmit a medium identifier to the server when accessing the server, and receive copy control information encrypted using the medium identifier from the server, and

5   the copy control information assigned by the assigning unit is obtained by decrypting the encrypted copy control information using the medium identifier.

13.   (Original) The playback device according to Claim 12, wherein

the download unit is operable to transmit a maker identifier or a model number of

the playback device to the server when accessing the server.

14.   (Original) A program for causing a computer to execute playback of video

composed of a plurality of frame images, comprising code operable to cause the computer to

perform:

a reading step of reading a video stream from a recording medium;

5   a decoding step of decoding the video stream so as to sequentially obtain and

write the frame images on a frame memory of the computer;

an output step of generating a video signal from the frame images sequentially

written on the frame memory and outputting the video signal;

an output control step of controlling the output step so that the video signal is

10   caused, in accordance with a user operation, to be output with addition of the supplemental

information; and

an assigning step of assigning, to the video signal added with the supplemental

information, copy control information defining a less strict restriction as compared with copy

control information to be assigned to the video signal output without addition of the

15   supplemental information.

15.   (Original) A playback method for executing playback of video composed of a

plurality of frame images; comprising:

a reading step of reading a video stream from a recording medium;

a decoding step of decoding the video stream so as to sequentially obtain and

5   write the frame images on a frame memory of a computer;

an output step of generating a video signal from the frame images sequentially

written on the frame memory and outputting the video signal;

an output control step of controlling the output step so that the video signal is

caused, in accordance with a user operation, to be output with addition of the supplemental

10   information; and

an assigning step of assigning, to the video signal added with the supplemental

information, copy control information defining a less strict restriction as compared with copy

control information to be assigned to the video signal output without addition of the

supplemental information.